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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Greetings at the height of winter, 1978. Most of us waited around all week-end for the big snowstorm to begin. The signs were unmistakable. This was to be a big one. I made one trip over town and found that others were doing the same things . . . stocking up for a seige. From pills to potatoes we laid in an inventory. Then sat at home and waited. Finally there was a flurry about four p.m., but it eased off. After snowing again, and we ended up with from one to three inches. Monday morning I found two cardinals and a heovey of sparrows at my bird feeder having breakfast, and as I write there is a black crow in the garden area. Swept the snow from my car, put out the garbage can, and all in all Martha Street is in good shape. So is Appomattox. But our nation is experiencing a rough winter. North and west of us they are struggling with severe weather conditions. We should be thankful that things are no worse and grateful to all those who keep essential services going. Days of no school are adding up and Saturday sessions are in prospect. But, we will make it. This week some church groups enter upon the period known as Lent, a special religious observance. Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and six weeks until Easter. ~~Birthday people this week include~~ Ronald Reagan, Lana Turner, Mia Farrar, Roger Mudd, Jimmy Durante and Eva Gabor.

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On my one trip over town during the week end was on the lookout for snowmen. Ah yes, the youngsters had been at work. Saw a fancy one with a red bandana sash and another with a red necklace.

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Came across one of my late Dad's notebooks, and copy the following . . . "To find the height of a tree or building, set up a stick and measure its shadow. Measure the length of the shadow of the tree or building. Length of shadow of tree or building times the length of the stick, divided by length of shadow of stick equals height of tree or building."

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So many things I used to know, but have forgotten. How to make and stock a kiln, how to make a flyswatter out of left-over window screen wire, how to set a snare for rabbit catching, how and when to get ice from the pond or creek and store in the icehouse so will keep until August, how to manage to tripledeck club sandwich, how to make and fly a kite, how to fold a road map in a crowded car, how to patch a tire innertube, how not to get caught sending a comic valentine, and on and on. But some things are not forgotten. The other day I threaded a needle on the very first try.

Interesting reading for the week: Mrs. Hazel Buchanan loaned us a book by Ira R. T. Smith, who spent some fifty years in the Mail Room at The White House. Titled, "Dear Mr. President . . ." I had no idea so many people wrote letters to the President, or upon such an awesome variety of subjects. Biggest mail rush? Probably away back when Eddie Cantor and the Lone Ranger suggested on radio that listeners send a dime to the White House to help fight infantile paralysis. A march of dimes, on the President's birthday. In the first rush 2,680,000 were received! From a one man job, the Mail Room has expanded into a major operation. The book covers the administrations from McKinley through Truman and has many personal incidents over that period.

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The Times-Virginian is read cover to cover every week, but especially during winter months. Ideal time for YOUR advertising message. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

PLANNING FOR WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY SALE

Looks like they are having a "gay old time" but in reality they are hard at work planning for the first town-wide Washington's Birthday Sale which will begin on Thursday, February 16th, and continue in progress through Friday, February 17th, Saturday, February 18th, and again on Monday, February 20th.

Making plans, from left to right, are Carl Miller, White's Auto Store; Pete Nealley, Ben Franklin Store; Francis Elliott of Elliott's Florist & Gifts; and Phyllis Harvey of The East Living Shop.

Merchants will be offeirng special bargains for these days and are inviting you to make plans for shopping during this special sale.

Adult Education Classes Continuing Enrollments

The Adult Education program for second semester for the most part got underway last week in the Appomattox County School Divisi o n. "Adults who have not enrolled and who desire to take a class may still enroll in any of the classes offered this semester. Classes for adults are taught on an individualized basis and adults will not be at any disadvantages by enrolling now", states R. B. Carter, Adult Education Coordinator. In several classes additional enrollment is needed if the class is to continue. The Appomattox County School Board reserves the right to cancel classes where enrollment is less than ten persons. A variety of classes for adults are being offered and adults are urged to take advantage of the many opportunities offered through the Adult Education Program.

Persons desiring to enroll in a class or who want information concerning adult education classes may call 352-8253 between the hours of 8:30 - 5:00.

Income Tax Drought Aid Available

Virginia farmers whose farms are located in the areas of the state that were declared state drought disaster areas by the President this past summer may be eligible for some tax relief this year.

Commissioner S. Mason Carbaugh of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce noted that the Internal Revenue Service has a special provision available for livestock producers who were forced to sell their cattle because of lack of feed during the summer.

The provisions of the law state that if the farmers have records indicating that because of the drought they sold more cattle than would be their regular business practice, the farmer can elect to declare the proceeds of the sale in the 1978 year rather than on taxes due in 1977.

There are three conditions that must be met to be eligible for the tax aid . One, the livestock producer must use the cash method of accounting. Two, they must be able to establish that under their usual business practices the sale or exchange would not have occurred except for the drought conditions. Three, the drought conditions must have resulted in their area that has been designated as eligible for assistance by the Federal government.

Commissioner C a r baugh made the statement today after receiving numerous inquiries from Virginia farmers. He pointed out that if there is any question the farmer should contact his tax consultant or the local IRSoffice, or by calling the IRS toll-free 1-800-552-9600.

ADVANCED FIRST AID CLASS TO BE TAUGHT BY LOCAL RESCUE SQUAD

A class in Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care will be taught at the Appomattox County Rescue Squad Building beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 16th. The class will continue for 13 consecutive weeks with no make-up classes.

The cost for the course will be $2.75, the cost of your First Aid Book.

The class will be taught by instructors of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad under the supervision of Ray Noble, Training Officer for the squad.

Lions Club To Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at Maude's Restaurant.

Dennis Farnsworth, of the Beltone Hearing Aid Center in Lynchburg, and a member of the Lions Club in Lynchburg, will be the guest speaker for the evening and will present the program on hearing.

Dr. A. Fstrick is in charge of the program.

All members will want to be present for this interesting and informative meeting.

Farm Bureau Calls For Efforts To Improve Farm Prices

The Board of Directors of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation has passed a major resolution, calling for intensified efforts to improve farm prices and net profits for farmers.

The resolution, passed at the Jan. 25, 1978, meeting of the 17-member Board of Directors, includes four statements of intent for helping farmers with income problems. It also includes 11 recommendations for action by government agencies and Farm Bureau to provide immediate relief.

The resolution states, "We express our concern and understnading of the seriousness of the farm income crisis, brought on by low prices, inflated costs and crops lost to drought.

"Farmers should be receiving full cost of production and a profit for their sales. We support higher net incomes for agriculture. We believe that if improved net incomes are to be long-lasting, they must be achieved through market prices obtained in the market place and must not be dictated by government or arbitrarily set by individuals or a group of individuals.

"History has clearly demonstrated that holding farm prices above market levels requires strict controls on the amount produced."

The resolution points out that Farm Bureau, as an organization, cannot legally endorse any form of agreement or understanding which limits the marketing of commodities or controls the prices to be obtained for such commodities.

Visitation Increase At A. C. H. National Historical Park

A substantial visitation increase was recorded at Appomattox Court House National Park for the year 1977. Monthly figures show an increase of 42,312 visitors over the total visitation for 1976. July was the most heavily visited month with visitation reaching a peak of 49,372. This is a new record for this month.

Visitation went over the quarter million mark, standing at 263,090.

Most park areas in Virginia experienced a decrease in visitation during 1976. The figures indicated that most of the crowds expected for the Bicentennial stayed home and made their trips in 1977.

Although Appomattox had an unusually severe winter in 1977, visitation during these months was consistently higher than it had been at the same time in 1976. Visitation in the fall months continues to be strong, demonstrating a lengthening of the heavy visitation from April through October.

Members Will Attend S. S. Regional Board Meeting

Approximately 80 members of Southern States Cooperative's local board and committee members, agricultural workers and retail agency managers from this area, will attend a regional board meeting in Farmville, on February 17. The session will be held at the Lankford Building - - Longwood College and registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Also attending the meeting will be a number of guest young farmers from this area.

A total of 19 of these regional meetings will be held by Southern States over a five-state area. The cooperative serves farmer - members who live in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Kentucky and who hold a total of 354,600 memberships in the organization.

Eldridge W. Sanderson of Cartersville, Va., a member of the Southern States 15-man board of directors will preside at the meeting. Sanderson represents the cooperative's members in south central Virginia. He has been a member of the board since 1975.

Featured at the session will be a look at "Agriculture - - A 'Certain' Future" to be presented by B. W. Armstrong, the cooperative's vice president - finance, who heads a two-man management team that will attend the session. H. B. Manuel manager-retail sales, the other team member will report on the cooperative's operations during the first six months of the 1977-78 fiscal year. Also on the agenda will be a look at "Service to Agriculture in Our Community," presented by Hugh Harris, a regional manager of the cooperative, headequartered at Richmond, Va.

Following an open-forum discussion and lunch, the session will adjourn.

Those expected to attend the meeting from the Appomattox area are: Ronald and Dan G. Coleman, managers of Coleman and Sons and local board members: H. W. Coleman, Pamplin; Edwin Anderson, F. C. Harris, Jr., Appomattox, John P. Alvis, Jr., W. E. Bondurant, Jr., Concord and Calvin Harris of Gladstone.

PAMPLIN TOWN AUTO TAGS DUE

Auto tags in the Town of Pamplin were due on or before January 31, 1978.

If you have not purchased your tags, plase do so immediately.

Bloodmobile Visit Set For February 16

"Today is the first day of the rest of your life. GIVE BLOOD, so it can be the first day of somebody else's, too." The Red Cross Blood Program in Appomattox is counting on you to help, so plan now to come out on THURSDAY, February 16, from noon until 6 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church and donate a unit of YOUR blood.

Grover Beasley, Jr., Chairman of the Red Cross Chapter in Appomattox County, and a blood donor, too, second from the left on back row of above photo, is seen with a group of employees from TRANSCO Station 170 in Appomattox who plan to donate blood at the February 16th visit to Appomattox. In the photo, front row, left to right, are Joel Carnefix, Harry Ferguson, Jr., Lloyd Bryant, Tommy Patterson, and Joe Marshall; and on the back row, left to right, Steve Gafford, Mr. Beasley, Francis Knight, and T. E. (Sonny) Conner.

These men urge you to join them in donating blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visits Appomattox from noon to 6 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 16, 1978 at Liberty Baptist Church. The normal quota for the visit would be 110 units but in order to make up for the shortage at our last visit, 150 units must be donated in order for Appomattox County to be 100 percent of its quota. Remember that 17 year-olds can donate with parental consent and consent forms can be obtained at your high school.

The Red Cross Blood Program is counting on you - Appomattox County is counting on you. So "lie down and be counted" when you donate a unit of blood next Thursday. Remember, in America only 3% of the people give 100% of all the blood that's freely donated. Be a part of that 3%. This means that if only 1% more people - maybe you - become donors, it would add over thirty percent more blood to America's voluntary bloodstream. Think of it! But forget arithmetic. Just concentrate on one word . . . EASY. Giving blood is easy, you hardly feel it, in fact some people say they feel better physically after a blood donation. It is a great feeling to know that your one easy blood donation has helped up to five other people to live. So how about it? Are you going to lie down and be counted? Appomattox County needs you now in order to reach its quota, according to Mrs. Joe Towns, Chairman of the Red Cross Blood Program in Appomattox County.

Discussion For Parents On Registration Rescheduled

A discussion for parents of students in the present 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 grades in the Appomattox County Schools pertaining to course offerings for the 1978-79 school session has been rescheduled as follows:

Mon., Feb. 13 - 9:05 - 9:55 a.m. - Auditorium, ACHS - 11

Mon., Feb. 13 - 10 - 10:50 a.m. - Auditorium, ACHS - 10.

Mon., Feb. 13 - 10:55 - 11:45 a.m. - Auditorium, ACHS - 9

Monday Night, Feb. 13 - 8 p.m. - Library, ACHS - 9, 10, 11.

Mon., Feb. 20 - 9:05 - 9:55 a.m. - Cafeteria, AMS - 8

Mon., Feb. 20 - 10 - 10:55 a.m. - Cafeteria, AMS - 7

Monday Night, Feb. 20 - 8 p.m. - Cafeteria, AMS - 7 & 8

The purpose of these meetings is to familiarize parents and students with the course offerings that will be available for the school year 1978-79. Also registration procedures will be explained. Personnel from the schools and the school board staff will be present for the discussion and answer questions relating to the subject areas. It is hoped that every parent will plan to attend one of the discussion meetings that has been planned.

Registration for courses by students in the present 9, 10, and 11 grades for the next school year is to begin Mon., Feb. 13 and preliminary selections to be returned, on Mon., Feb. 20. Students in the present 7th and 8th grades will submit their preliminary selections by Mon., Feb. 27. Guidance counselors in the Appomattox Middle School and Appomattox County High School will then, through personal and group sessions, aid students in their course selections for their high school years. "It is very important that parents be familiar with the many course offerings that are available, and be in a position to help their children in the selection," explained Mr. Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools. Final registration is to be completed by April 15, and further changes in courses will not be made unless it has been determined that there are unusual circumstances. The choices of subjects will be used to schedule classes and to determine staff needs for the 1978-79 school year.

School Board To Meet Friday

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room in Appomattox on Friday, February 10, 1978 at 3 p.m.

Items on the agenda will include opening of bids on school bus bodies and chassis; consideration of Special Education plans; and consideration of tentative budget for the 1978-79 school session.

54 Emergency Calls Answered By Rescue Squad In January

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 54 emergency calls during the month of January. Considering the extreme winter storms, there were only four automobile accidents with one personal injury in each of the four. Eight persons were monitored on the Life Pak V en route to the hospital.

In answering the 54 emergency calls, members traveled a total of 2,486 miles and spent 249½ manhours.

A breakdown of the calls answered is as follows: broken bones, 1; diabetic, 8; transports by doctor request, 10; wrecks, 4; illness, 3; breathing difficulty, 3; overdose, 5; convulsions, 2; dead on arrival, 2; strokes, 5; chest pains, 3; falls, 2; electric shock, 1; heart attacks, 3; and 1 false calls.

Big Trees From Little Seedlings Grow

Mr. William E. Inge, in the year 1964, had some abandoned fields on his farm located one mile north of Hollywood Church on Route 618. He decided to put this land back into production since taxes had to be paid on the land anyway..

Mr. Berkley Garrett was hired to plant loblolly pines on this land, using a tree planting machine. This all happened in the spring of 1964, just 13½ years ago.

In 1977, several years later, the Virginia Division of Forestry marked these same trees for a pulpwood thinning. Mr. C. D. Ragland is currently thinning this timber for Mr. Inge. The trees range from 10 to 12 inches in diameter and are from 45 to 50 feet in height.

Approximately six to eight standard cords per acre of pulpwood is being removed. This is the first thinning on this area and there will probably be two more thinnings before leaving the remaining trees for saw timber.

Trees on this area have grown exceptionally well, but many areas throughout Appomattox County would grow pine as fast.

Do you own any abandoned fields or cutover timberland that you are paying taxes on and receiving no income from? If so, maybe you should consider planting pines.

SEWING AND TYPING CLASSES POSTPONED

The adult Sewing and Typing Classes at the Appomattox County High School scheduled to begin the first week of February have been postponed until Thursday night, February 16.

Persons interested in these classes and who have not registered should contact R. B. Carter, adult education coordinator at 352-8253. Persons who have already registered and those who desire to enroll are requested to report to these classes at 7 p.m. on February 16.

U.D.C. TO MEET FEBRUARY 16

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will have a luncheon meeting at John Mosby Inn Restaurant on the 16th of February, weather permitting. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. and reservations for the lunch are not necessary.

A good attendance is expected.

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G78x14	2.53	38.88	4 for 196.52*
H78x14	2.73	40.88	4 for 143.52*
A78x15	1.90	31.88	4 for 111.52*
G78x15	2.59	39.88	4 for 143.52*
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